

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

AMENDMENT NO. 2965

(Purpose: To modify the funding provided for the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy)

Strike section 4201(b)(5)(A)(iv) and insert the following:

(iv) by adding at the end the following:

“(F) \$325,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2018; and

“(G) \$375,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 and 2020.”; and

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 12 noon tomorrow the Senate vote on the Crapo amendment No. 3021 and at 1:45 p.m. the Senate vote on the Schatz amendment No. 2965; that no second-degree amendments be in order to the Crapo or Schatz amendments prior to the votes; finally, that the time until 12 noon and following the disposition of the Crapo amendment until 1:45 p.m. be equally divided between the two managers or their designees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from Washington.

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, and I will not object, but I just want to point out to our colleagues that the chair has worked with us today to get a number of these pending amendments. I know she will probably express this, but it is our intent that hopefully we will have some votes on these other amendments either by voice or additional votes. So I hope colleagues who are interested in other amendments will come down. But I think this process gets us going on the voting and could be on some of these pending amendments as well.

So I do not object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, Senators should be aware that we may add additional rollcall votes on amendments to both stacks of votes tomorrow, as the ranking member has said. It would certainly be our intent that we work to process as much as we can during the time that we have.

MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

HONORING OFFICER DOUGLAS BARNEY

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to a beloved father, a loving husband, and a fallen hero: Officer Douglas Barney of the Unified Police Department. Officer Barney was killed in the line of duty last week when attempting to question a man at the scene of an accident. In the wake of Doug's passing, the Barney family has

experienced an outpouring of love and support from law enforcement officials not only in Utah, but across the Nation. As a testament to Doug's generosity and the many lives he touched, more than 10,000 people attended his funeral services on Monday. Today I join the many who mourn by honoring Officer Douglas Barney—a man of character, commitment, kindness, and courage.

Doug's dedication to law enforcement was matched by his zeal for life. As a teenager, he explored the outdoors, rode dirt bikes on the hills behind his home, and raced cars on Utah's old Bonneville Raceway. As a police officer, he loved the thrill of a high-speed chase and had a knack for defusing tense situations with a well-timed joke. An indomitable sense of humor endeared him not only to those he loved, but even to those he arrested.

On one particular occasion, he was tasked to handle a DUI situation involving a female arrestee whose behavior was growing increasingly erratic. Instead of reacting with force, Doug responded with humor by continuously joking with the arrestee. His off-the-cuff comedy replaced the woman's threats with smiles and her cries with laughter. Eventually, she calmed down enough to cooperate. As one of Doug's colleagues recalls, the two left “the best of friends.” Only Doug could have managed such a feat.

Doug's humor helped him cope with the rigors of a stressful career in law enforcement. It also helped him overcome serious illness. No stranger to adversity, Doug battled back from bladder cancer just a year before his death. Cancer could weaken his body, but it could do nothing to dampen his spirits. Throughout the ordeal, Doug maintained a cheerful disposition and refined his trademark sense of humor.

In addition to laughter, Doug drew strength from family. He befriended his wife, Erika, when they were growing up together in California. While Erika was studying at Brigham Young University, their relationship took a romantic turn, and Doug asked her to marry him. Erika was caught off guard by the proposal and was initially reluctant, but Doug persisted. Time and again, he asked Erika to be his wife. After several months, she finally accepted, and the two were married in 1996. Together, they had three beautiful children: Matilda, Meredith, and Jacob.

Shortly after their marriage, Doug told Erika that he dreamed of becoming a police officer. With her support, he began an 18-year career in law enforcement. Doug's fellow police officers will always remember him for his work ethic, gregariousness, and larger-than-life personality. Over many years of consistent, hard work, Doug won not only the love and friendship of his colleagues, but also their respect and admiration.

Like thousands across our Nation, I am deeply saddened by the passing of Officer Barney. I am immensely grate-

ful for Doug's example and for the service of countless police officers like him. Each day, these selfless men and women risk their own well-being to ensure the safety of others. They are the most courageous of public servants, and I believe Doug was among the best of them. He was a man who lived and loved deeply. He made people laugh, he made them smile, and he helped them hope.

I pray that Doug's memory might continue to inspire and bless those he loved.

WILDFIRE FUNDING AND FOREST MANAGEMENT

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to enter into a colloquy with the chairman of the Budget Committee, Senator ENZI of Wyoming, and the chairman of the Agriculture Committee, Senator ROBERTS of Kansas.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Last session, I came to the floor to speak about the significant wildfire provisions we included in the Omnibus appropriations bill, why Congress could not accept a flawed proposal supported by this administration and a handful of Senators, and to outline a path forward on this important issue in 2016.

As we begin consideration of the energy bill, I have come to the floor to add further definition to that path forward. As many of you know, wildfire budgeting and forest management overlap jurisdictionally with several other Committees so I want to thank my colleagues, Senators Enzi and ROBERTS, for joining me here.

In my view, the time has come to find real solutions to the challenges we face in each of these areas. This crisis has gone on for long enough. It has grown worse and worse. Our lands are burning. Communities are being devastated. And it is time for Congress to act.

I want to start first with wildfire budgeting. For some time now, Members of this Chamber have been talking past each other. Before we can come up with a solution, we have to at least agree on the problem we are trying to solve.

We have all been saying that we want to solve the problem of “fire borrowing”—the unsustainable practice of borrowing from non-fire government programs so that fire response activities can continue when wildfire suppression accounts are depleted.

One way to fix the problem of “fire borrowing” is to continue to fully fund the predictable costs of wildfire suppression, the 10-year rolling average, while allowing access to additional funds through a limited cap adjustment when the agencies run out of suppression funds, for the emergency and unpredictable costs of wildfire suppression.

Another issue relating to wildfire budgeting is the percentage of the Forest Service's discretionary budget